GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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Testing Centres for Vehicles
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of road accident related deaths occurred in the country due to lack of safety standards in vehicles during the last three years;

(b) the total number of state of the art testing centres and crash test centres established in the country, State-wise;

(c) the number of proposals pending before the Government to establish such centres in every State;
(d) whether the Government has introduced safety standards for new vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the method in which the Government monitors the compliance of safety standards by all the Heavy and Light Vehicle manufacturers and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a): The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways does not maintain road accident data related deaths occurring in the country due to lack of safety standards in vehicles. However, data of Road Accidents, Person killed and injured from 1970 to 2015 is enclosed (Annexure 1)

(b): Under rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR) 1989, there are seven (07) testing agencies for Type Approval and Certification of Vehicles for compliance to Central Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. These are −

1) Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), Pune, Maharashtra
2) Vehicle Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
3) Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, Budni, Madhya Pradesh
4) Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun, Uttarakhand
5) Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT), Pune, Maharashtra
6) International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar, Haryana
7) Northern Region Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, Hissar

(c): At present, no such proposal for establishing state of the art testing centres and crash test centres in every state.

(d): The Government has introduced several safety standards for new vehicles vide notification no. S.O. 1139 (E) dated 28.04.2015 and S.O. 2412 (E) dated 03.09.2015. (Annexure 2)

(e): The Government has formulated various safety standards which are contained in the Automotive Industry Standards (AIS) under the Central Motors Vehicles Rules, 1989 [CMVR]. There is provision under rule 126 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 that every manufacturers of motor vehicles other than trailers and semi-trailers requires to submit the prototype of the vehicle to be manufactured by him for test by any of the agencies specified therein for granting a certificate to the compliance of provisions of Central Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

Rule 126A of CMVR, 1989 further mandates the test agencies, referred to in Rule 126, to also conduct test on vehicles drawn from the production line of the manufacturer to verify whether these vehicles conform to the provisions of Rules under Section 110 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

Enforcement of provisions of CMV Act and CMV Rules come under the purview of the State Governments / Union Territories.

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